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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EDITORIALS IN TANZANIA'S GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS HAVE COMMENTED ON RECENT PLO RAIDS IN ISRAEL AND ISRAEL'S INVASION OF LEBANON. BOTH EDITORIALS ARGUE THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE ACHIEVED ONLY WHEN PALESTINIANS HAVE THEIR OWN STATE.

2. PARTY DAILY UHURU OF MARCH 14 DESCRIBED PLO ATTACKS IN ISRAEL AS CONSEQUENCE OF DEPRIVING A NATION OF THE RIGHT TO LIVE ON ITS SOIL. EDITORIAL SAID ANY SETTLEMENT INITIATIVE WOULD BE INSIGNIFICANT IF IT IGNORED THE RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO LIVE FREELY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. "EVEN IF THE 'PEACE LOVERS' IN
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WASHINGTON, CAIRO AND ELSEWHERE MAKE A HUNDRED TRIPS MONTHLY, THEY SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE PALESTINIANS, REPRESENTED BY THE PLO, ARE AN IMPORTANT LINK IN REACHING AN ACCEPTABLE PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

3. EDITORIAL IN MARCH 17 GOVERNMENT-CONNECTED DAILY NEWS SPOKE OUT AGAINST ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON.

EDITORIAL SAID THAT "WHENEVER A STATE FINDS THAT ITS INTERNAL SECURITY CAN ONLY BE ASSURED THROUGH ITS OCCUPATION OF LARGE TERRITORIES BELONGING TO NEIGHBORING STATES, THEN SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THAT STATE." MUCH OF EDITORIAL RECOUNTED HOW ISRAEL OVER THE YEARS HAD ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF AGGRESSIVE ACTS TO SECURE ITS BORDERS. CURRENT LEBANON INVASION WAS ANOTHER SUCH STEP "BUT ONLY A FOOL CAN NURSE THE BELIEF THAT ISRAEL CAN EVER REALIZE PEACE AND SECURITY AS LONG AS IT OCCUPIES OTHER PEOPLE'S TERRITORY. SUCH FOLLY WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO FURTHER RESISTANCE TO ZIONIST TYRANNY - INTERNAL AS WELL AS EXTERNAL. THE PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY THE CREATION OF A SECULAR PALESTINE." END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. EDITORIALS ARE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE REPORTED IN THE PAST ABOUT TANGOV VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST. TANGOV IS BOUND TO FIND PARALLELS IN MIDDLE EAST WITH PROBLEMS CLOSER TO HOME IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. RECENT RHODESIAN RAID INTO ZAMBIA MAY HAVE HEIGHTENED TANGOV SENSITIVITIES TO ISRAELI CROSS-BORDER INCURSIONS. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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